Mr. K. George: *Agrasala para* is said to be a *para* measure of 640 cubic inches. What is actually intended in a document is a matter to be decided on evidence.

Mr. N. V. Chacko; May I know whether the matter has not come up for decision?

Mr. K. George: Apparently, no.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Are not the *agrasala para* and *Venkala para* one and the same?

Mr. K. George: The member speaks of some other *para*.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar (*Parur, Kunnatnad* and *Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether the *agrasala para* that was in existence before the Weights and Measures Regulation was passed, is in existence in Travancore at present.

Mr. K. George: The standard *para* is the recognised one in Travancore.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether there is difference in capacity between the *paras* that is recognised to be *agrasala para* and the standard *para* that was brought into existence after the Weights and Measures Regulation was passed?

Mr. K. George: I do not quite follow the member.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether there is any difference in the *para* maintained by the Government before and after the Weights and Measures Regulation was passed?

Mr. K. George: That requires an investigation as to what kind of *para* was used by Government for receiving their dues. I have no information at present in the matter.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the Government have not recognised the standard *para* and *agrasala para* as equal in capacity by their order published in the Gazette dated 12-10-1072 *i.e.*, after the Jenmy Kudiyan Regulation V of 1071 was passed?

Mr. K. George: The Government order was to the effect that, ordinarily, *agrasala para* should be treated as a *para* measuring 640 cubic inches. That order of Government is in vogue even now.

Extension of Service to Mr. H. C. Chopra.

15. ***Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any extension of service is granted to Mr. H. C. Chopra, Electrical Executive Engineer, over and above the period for which he was first appointed;

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(*b*) if the answer to the above question is in the affirmative, the period for which such extension is granted : and

(*c*) the date on which Government ordered the extension of his service, if any ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon (*Electrical Engineer to Government*) : (*a*) Mr. H. C. Chopra was appointed as a temporary Executive Engineer for a period of 3 years and he took charge of the Trivandrum Electric Supply on 8-6-1110. Before the expiry of three years, he was made permanent with effect from the 1st Chingom 1113.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these questions do not arise.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know when orders were issued for confirming Mr. Chopra ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : I believe it was early this year.

Capacity of the Agrasala para.

16. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko** ; Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the capacity of the *agrasala para.*

(*b*) whether any order has been passed fixing the capacity of the *agrasala para* ;

(*c*) if so, the number and date of the order or circular or whatever else it may be called ; and

(*d*) whether the officers of the Judicial, Revenue, Registration, Jenmikaram Settlement and other departments have been informed of the capacity of the *agrasala para* as fixed by the Government ?

Mr. K. George : (*a*) The *agrasla para* is ordinarily presumed to be a measure of 640 cubic inches.

(*b*) The Government have ordered that, as a rule of presumption or a rule of evidence, the *agrasala para* may be considered to be a measure of 640 cubic inches and that it is open to the parties in any particular case to prove that the *para* measure in that case is of a particular capacity.

(*c*) G. O. No. 179/36/Rev., dated 4-2-1936.

(*d*) This was circulated to the Division Peishkars and Tahsildars for guidance in the settlement of jenmikaram.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know whether the G. O. referred to can be placed on the table for reference ?

Mr. K George : It will be more convenient if the honourable member is given access to that copy by myself.

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